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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
Hubesch et al

Examiner
Charles Boyer

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Aug 13, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 22-37, and 41-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 22-37, and 41-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to applicants' amendment and response received Aug 13, 2002.

Claims 1, 22-37 and 41-60 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel et al, US 5,532,023.

Vogel et al teach a wrinkle reducing composition for use on fabrics (see abstract). The liquid carrier of the invention is an aqueous system comprising water and may contain organic solvents such as polyhydric alcohols and alkylene glycols (col. 12, lines 55-67). Antistatic agents such as choline esters may be added to these compositions (col. 11, lines 17-48). While Vogel et al generically teach the components of the present claims, they are not taught in the specific manner required by the claims. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to formulate a wrinkle reducing composition containing choline esters and organic solvents as these components are taught as suitable in the wrinkle reducing compositions of Vogel et al.

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Applicants have traversed this rejection on the grounds that choline esters are added to the compositions of Vogel et al as anti static agents, and not as wrinkle reducers. Applicants have claimed a wrinkle reducing composition as does Vogel et al. The reason Vogel et al add choline esters to their composition is immaterial to the fact that they may be added and so render obvious the composition presently claimed. As for the present claims being amended to include a salt, note that these salts are part of a Markush group and so are not required components in the composition. Further note that component A may be a cationic surfactant and component B may be a cationic softener. Therefore, the choline esters of Vogel et al meet both components A and B of the present claims. Accordingly, the rejection is maintained.

3. The rejection of claims 1, 22, 23, 26-37, 41-44, and 50-60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh et al, US 5,578,563, US 5,968,404, and US 6,001,343 is withdrawn in view of applicants' amendment and response.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Boyer whose telephone number is (703) 308-2524. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If reasonable attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta, can be reached on (703) 308-4708. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3599.

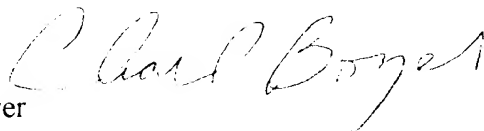
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

Charles Boyer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Boyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Charles Boyer".

September 29, 2002